

Social Studies on the Front Burner: Resources and Instructional Strategies for the 21st Century

Call for Conference Presenter Proposals

The Maine Council for the Social Studies invites you to create a proposal for a workshop session at our annual conference. The conference will be held in Augusta, Maine at the Augusta Civic Center on November 10, 2008.

The conference will provide Maine teachers with instructional strategies and resources to help them implement the new social studies Learning Results' Standards. Our conference is also a celebration of great social studies instruction in the state of Maine!

Workshop Information: We are looking for presenters in the following grade span areas: Prek-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. We value workshop sessions that are interactive, hands on, and that model rigorous content and innovative instructional strategies. Our participants also value acquiring the practical tools and resources that they need to effectively teach social studies, according to the revised standards.

Although we welcome proposals on a variety of topics, we are specifically interested in workshop sessions that address content in the following areas: ***Economics, Modern History, Technology Integration, Ancient Civilizations, Native American Culture, and High School Specific Presentations***. Sessions will be 70 minutes in length.

Classroom teachers who are willing to share instructional strategies, resources, lessons, and projects ideas are strongly encouraged to submit a proposal.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and skills, with Maine teachers, please provide us with the following information:

Proposal

1. Name:
2. Email address:
3. Professional title:
4. School Unit or Organization:
5. School or Organization Address:
6. Proposed Title of Workshop Session:
7. Target Grade Level for Audience:
8. Topic:
9. 2007 Learning Results Standards and Performance Indicators addressed in workshop
10. Please provide a brief description of workshop session including:
 - a. what you will teach in the session
 - b. how you will teach it
 - c. how it will benefit Maine teachers
 - d. what resources, tools and/or strategies you plan to provide.Also in your description please address how your workshop session will meet Maine teachers' need for interactive, hands on, professional development and that models rigorous content and innovative instructional strategies.

Workshop presenters will be given complimentary registration to the 2008 MCSS Conference

Proposals and inquiries should be sent to: Crystal Polk at tomandcrystal@roadrunner.com. You may also mail the proposal to: Crystal Polk, 78 Salem Road, Kingfield, Maine 04947. Phone: 207-265-5095 You will be contacted by the Maine Council by September 20, 2008, as to the status of your proposal.

Deadline for Proposals is August 20, 2008